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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 057172

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (LOWENSTEIN, JAMES)(MOOSE, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: LOWENSTEIN/MOOSE

REF: STATE 055642

1. FYI: ON 27 MARCH 73 FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO  
STAFFDEL FROM CARL MARCY OF SFRC STAFF.

QUOTE CHAIRMAN TODAY MADE FLOOR STATEMENT, PORTIONS  
OF WHICH ARE QUOTED BELOW:

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION  
MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT FOCUSED ON THESE THREE QUESTIONS:  
(A) WHAT ARE AMERICAN FORCES DOING IN CAMBODIA? WHOM  
ARE WE STRIKING? WHOM ARE WE SUPPLYING? HOW MANY  
AMERICANS ARE IN CAMBODIA, IN OR OUT OF UNIFORM?  
(B) WHY ARE WE CARRYING ON THESE ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA?  
ARE WE PROTECTING AMERICAN FORCES THERE? ARE WE THERE TO  
SUPPORT LON NOL AND THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT HE REPRESENTS?  
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HAS THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH MADE SOME VAGUE INNERQTE COMMIT-  
MENT END INNERQTE TO LON NOL?

(C) BY WHAT AUTHORITY IS THE UNITED STATES CARRYING ON  
ANY MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA? BY SOME WILD STRETCH  
OF THE IMAGINATION HAS THE ADMINISTRATION PROJECTED SEATO  
AS A LEGAL BASIS FOR OUR MILITARY PRESENCE? DOES THE  
PRESIDENT ASSERT THAT AS COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF HE CAN ORDER  
AMERICAN FORCES ANYWHERE FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT SUITS HIM?  
UNLESS A FULL, FORTHCOMING STATEMENT IS MADE SHORTLY,  
I SEE NO COURSE OTHER THAN A FULL PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE TO EXPLORE THIS SUBJECT IN DEPTH.  
UNQUOTE END FYI.

2. SUBJECT OF US AIR OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GKR AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR ITS CONTINUATION RECEIVING  
INCREASING ATTENTION IN PRESS AND ON THE HILL. GUIDANCE  
IN PARA 7, REFTTEL APPLIES. YOU WILL RECEIVE MARCH 27  
STATEMENTS OF WH SPOKESMAN ZIEGLER IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.  
ROGERS

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